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COVERT-A HOT TEARS

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ROBINSON
CHAREST
HUBBS

CYRIL FLEMING. LUIS CISCO. ROSE GRADY.

THREE RAZORS...

...HAVING FUN!

SO, FLEMING, WHAT *IS* IT WITH *YOU* AND *SANTINI?*

WHY D'YOU *HATE* HIM SO?

HATE? I DON'T KNOW THAT I HATE *ANYBODY.*

I JUST DON'T *TRUST* SANTINI, IS THE *THING.*

NO *WAY* IS HE THE MAN *LYNCH* WAS... MAN *ENOUGH* TO LEAD THE *BLACK RAZORS.*

YEAH, *NO WAY.*

AND *NO* WAY IS HE THE MAN *I* AM.

I WAS *DUE* FOR THAT PROMOTION. I'M NOT A *CRIPPLE.* MY KNEE *ISN'T* MADE UP OF COMPUTER CHIPS AND ALLOY TUBING.

BUT SANTINI *DID* HAVE *SENIORITY* OVER YOU.

THEY SAID HE'D *NEVER* WALK *AGAIN.*

TROY LOGIK

THEN THE DOCTORS FOUND A *WAY.*

COUPLE OF *MONTHS,* YEAH. BUT HE WAS *OUT.* I WAS STILL UP AND AROUND AND *WALKING,* AND SANTINI WAS MAKING FRIENDS WITH A *HOSPITAL* BED.

END PROGRAM

A *NEW* SURGICAL PROCEDURE. CONSIDERING THE INJURY HE HAD, IT'S *INCREDIBLE.* YOU CAN *SCARCELY* SEE THE LIMP NOW.

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BUT THE FACT *REMAINS.* I SHOULD BE *LEADING* THE BLACK RAZORS. *ME.*

AND *NOT* BENITO SANTINI.

ANYWAY, YOUR SCORES ON THE COMBAT SIMULATOR ARE HIGHER. THE BEERS ARE ON ME.

WE CAN TOAST THE *HOPE* THAT SANTINI DOESN'T GET US KILLED *ANYTIME SOON.*

"FORGIVE ME, FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED..."

...IT'S BEEN TWO DAYS SINCE MY LAST CONFESSION.

I'M ***TROUBLED,*** FATHER. I NEED TO...

...DISCUSS SOME ***THINGS*** WITH YOU.

WHAT IS IT YOU'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT TODAY?

I ***CAN'T*** TELL YOU ***EVERYTHING.*** MY LIFE. WHAT I DO. I KNOW, THIS IS A CONFESSIONAL, BUT ***NEVERTHELESS...***

...IF I TOLD YOU ***ALL*** THE DETAILS I'D HAVE TO HAVE YOU ***KILLED.***

HAHA. VERY FUNNY. I'M ***GLAD*** WHATEVER'S BOTHERING YOU HASN'T TAKEN YOUR SENSE OF ***HUMOR,*** AT LEAST.

I WASN'T JOKING.

I HAVE TO GO ON A ***MISSION.*** TAKE MY MEN INTO ***DANGER.*** WE HAVE TO COMBAT A TEAM OF ***SUPER-BEINGS.***

ONE OF THEM, THESE SUPER BEINGS... IS AN ***IMPOSTOR*** WHO'S GOING TO TRY TO ***KILL*** A VERY ***IMPORTANT*** OIL EMIR.

WE DON'T KNOW ***WHICH*** OF THE SUPER BEINGS THE IMPOSTOR IS.

ALL I CAN DO IS HAVE MY MEN ***ATTACK*** THIS TEAM, WHILE MY COMPUTERS ***ANALYZE*** THEIR BATTLE TECHNIQUES FOR SOME ***IRREGULARITY*** TO GIVE THE IMPOSTOR ***AWAY.***

SO WE ATTACK. AN ***HOUR*** AND THEN WE ***GO.*** I TOOK THE TIME TO COME HERE, WHILE MY TECH CREWS PREPARE.

I CAN... CAN SEE ***WHY*** THAT WOULD TROUBLE ***ANYONE.*** ORDERING OTHERS INTO DANGER IS ALWAYS D... D... ***DIFFICULT.***

I'D GO INTO BATTLE ***WITH*** THEM.

I DID YESTERDAY, STOPPING ***ANOTHER*** ASSASSINATION...

...AND I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE HOW THINGS WOULD CONTINUE.

MY SUPERIORS THOUGHT ***OTHERWISE.*** THE MAN ***BEFORE*** ME, JOHN LYNCH, WAS A ***STRATEGIST.*** HIS MEN FOUGHT ***FOR*** HIM, NOT ***WITH*** HIM.

MY SUPERIORS WANT ME TO ACT THE ***SAME*** WAY. NO MORE FIELD ACTION. I'M "TOO VALUABLE."

RESPONSIBILITY. THERE ARE ***ALWAYS*** COSTS. A ***PRICE*** TO BE ***PAID*** FOR ANY ROLE UNDERTAKEN. NOTHING IS FOR NOTHING.

YEAH. YOU BEING A PRIEST WOULD ***KNOW*** THAT, I'M BETTING.

THERE'S ONE OTHER THING, FATHER...

...THE SUPERTEAM'S ***LEADER.***

I'VE SPOKEN OF HIM BEFORE WITH YOU. I ***HATE*** HIM. I STILL FEEL IT... ON DAMP NIGHTS. THE PAIN HE ***CAUSED*** ME.

AND...***AND...*** I STILL DREAM ABOUT ***THAT*** DAY...

"...THE DAY ***JACOB MARLOWE*** SHOT MY ***KNEE*** TO ***PIECES.***"

THAT'S ***WHY*** I'M TROUBLED. I'LL ***MEET*** THIS MAN IN THE COURSE OF THIS MISSION. WE'RE ***BOUND*** TO MEET.

AND I ***FEAR*** THAT IF I ***SEE*** HIM...

Y... Y... ***YES,*** MY SON?

...I'LL ***KILL*** HIM.

THE HOUR'S UP. QUIET TIME'S OVER.

BATTLE STATIONS.

I'LL BE IN ***CONSTANT*** RADIO CONTACT. OUR COMPUTERS WILL BE MONITORING THE ***WHOLE*** THING.

WE HAVE ***ENOUGH*** DATA ON THE 'C.A.T.S THAT AS ***SOON*** AS THE ASSASSIN IMPOSTOR SHOWS ANY INCONSISTENCY WITH THE ***NORMAL*** PATTERN OF MOVEMENT OR FIGHTING TECHNIQUE --

-- WE'LL BE ***ON*** HIM.

AND AS SOON AS ***WE*** KNOW, ***YOU'LL*** KNOW. THEN ***GO*** FOR THE ***KILL.*** HEAD SHOT. CLEAN AND QUICK. LET'S ***END*** THIS THING AND ***GET OUT.***

I ***WON'T*** BE GOING ***WITH*** YOU THIS TIME.

ORDERS FROM ***ABOVE.*** I'VE BEEN INFORMED MY ROLE IS TO ***OVERSEE,*** AND NOT TO BE IN THE ***THICK*** OF IT.

EXCEPT...

I KNOW YOU GUYS...***ALL*** OF YOU THINK I ***MIGHT NOT*** BE UP TO THE JOB OF LEADING.

"THE NOT SO GREAT SANTINI"...I'VE ***HEARD*** YOU WHISPER IT.

YOU THINK I'M ***NO*** LYNCH. ***FINE.*** 'CAUSE THE FACT IS, YOU'RE ***RIGHT.*** I'M ***NOT*** LYNCH. IF FOR ***ONE*** REASON ONLY, I AM ***NO*** JOHN LYNCH.

REASON BEING... I WANT ***ALL*** OF YOU TO COME ***BACK*** FROM THIS. ***LAST*** TIME WE FOUGHT THE 'C.A.T.S, ***I*** LOST A KNEE AND THE VOODOO GIRL CLAWED UP SCULLY'S ***CHEST.*** WELL, ***NOT*** AGAIN.

YOU'RE TRAINED TO ***FIGHT*** AND ***DIE.*** FOR I.O. FOR YOUR COUNTRY. AND IF THAT'S ***NECESSARY,*** I EXPECT IT FROM ***EACH*** AND ***EVERY ONE*** OF ***YOU.***

BUT I ***DON'T*** TAKE IT FOR ***GRANTED.*** I DON'T TAKE THE POSSIBILITY ***LIGHTLY.*** YEAH, I'M NO LYNCH. HE ***DIDN'T*** CARE ABOUT ANY OF YOU...US. I WAS A RAZOR. I'LL ***NEVER*** FORGET ***I*** WAS ONE OF ***YOU,*** EVEN IF YOU ***HAVE.***

WHAT I'M SAYING ***IS...*** WHAT I'M ***TRYING*** TO SAY IS --

HELL.

LISTEN -- WATCH YOUR BACKS. COVER EACH OTHER.

GET IN, DO IT ***RIGHT,*** AND STAY ALIVE. ***OH,*** AND THIS IS A ***SHADOW-HIT,*** SO LEAVE YOUR DOG TAGS ***HERE.***

SO, WE APPEAR TO HAVE SOME ***MUTUAL*** GOALS HERE, YOUR ***EXCELLENCY.*** I'M ***CONFIDENT*** WE CAN COME TO A GREATER UNDERSTANDING BY THE END OF THESE TALKS.

THAT IS ***MY*** HOPE, ***TOO,*** MISTER MARLOWE.

FINALLY! I'VE BEEN WAITING ***ALL*** WEEK FOR THIS!

SINCE WHEN DO YOU CARE ABOUT BUSINESS, COLE?

-SNIFF-

NEW AFTER-SHAVE?

-- RATIO OF TRADE --

--COST OF BARRELS --

VOODOO'S ABILITIES WOULD HAVE PROVED HELPFUL IN GUARDING THIS CONFERENCE, JEREMY.

SHE'S LUCKY TO BE ***ALIVE,*** ZEALOT. WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP WATCH ***WITHOUT*** HER.

-- PATTERNS IN SALES --

-- PRE-EXISTENT LOANS --

SOMETHING'S WRONG!

BE READY FOR *ANYTHING*, JEREMY.

KRASH

KRAKT

RAZORS INCOMING, TEAM! PREPARE TO REPEL!

PROTECT THE DELEGATES!

ZZZTT

OR DIE TRYING!

TIME TO KNOCK HEADS!

RAZORS, *HUH?* YOU GUYS LEARN ***NOTHING*** LAST TIME?

COOL. I WAS GETTING BORED.

CAREFUL! THESE RAZORS ARE STRONGER.

ARRH!

ZZZIIT

STRENGTH ISN'T SKILL!

N'STRENGTH ISN'T *STRONG* ENOUGH!

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ANYTHING, TURNER? BE NICE IF MISTER WHITE'S FLAWS SHOWED *EARLY.*

NO SUCH LUCK, BEN. NOT *THIS* EARLY. WE'VE A WAYS *YET.*

SIR, THERE'S A CRAFT... *BIG* LIKE OURS...

"... INCOMING *FAST!*"

THEY'RE *ENGAGING* US.

I NOTICED.

WHITE, THE ASSASSIN, HAD *BACKUP.* *THEY* MUST BE MONITORING, TOO.

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG BANG

STAY BEHIND ME, YOUR EXCELLENCY.

YOU TOO, MISTER MARLOWE.

BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM

I CAN LOOK AFTER MYSELF, BUDDY. JUST WATCH THE *EMIR.*

BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

THE OTHER SHIP'S *UNLOADING* SMALLER CRAFT -- THEY'RE HEADING IN!

RAZORS! THIS IS TURNER! PREPARE FOR FURTHER *HOSTILE FORCE!*

INCOMING ENEMY! REPEAT! INCOMING ENEMY!

WU? COLMAN..?

PINUP

BY

TRAVIS CHAREST

... WHY ISN'T ANYONE RESPONDING?

KRAKOOM

AHH-

THT

AKMED!

DAEMONITES!

ARRHH!

BADDA BADDA BADDA

BADDA BADDA BADDA

MANOMAN!

GRIFTER, THE EMIR'S GUARD IS DOWN!

PHAM PHAM PHAM PHAM

I'M ON IT!

MAY THE LORD ALLAH --

TINK TINK

KBLAM KBLAM

WE'VE GOT IT!

COMPUTER'S GOT THE KILLER'S *IDENTITY*. REPEATED MOVEMENT FLUCTUATIONS. BATTLE TECHNIQUE THAT DOES *NOT* ALIGN WITH PAST ACTION DATA.

WE *KNOW* WHICH ONE HE *IS*.

THIS IS BULL$#!% ME UP *HERE*, NOT EVEN ABLE TO *SPEAK* TO MY TEAM.

SIR, YOUR *SUPERIORS* SAID --

THAT MY *PLACE* IS *AWAY* FROM THE ACTION.

YEAH, WELL, *NOW* I SEE THE *DIFFERENCE*... BIG TIME, I *SEE* IT. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN *ME* AND *LYNCH*.

HE *WASN'T* A *BLACK RAZOR*.

"SANTINI."

"HE'S -- "

"SANTINI."

"BEN."

"WHAT IS --"

"WHY -- "

FLEMING? CISCO? *ANYONE?!* DO YOU *ACKNOWLEDGE?*

THE DAEMONITE SHIP. IT *MUST* BE *SCRAMBLING* OUR COMMUNI-CATIONS.

YEAH, *CLEVER*, AREN'T THEY? WE *KNOW* THE KILLER AND *CAN'T* DO A *THING* ABOUT IT.

PHAM PHAM PHAM

I *KNOW* WHAT THEY *SAID*.

THEY SAY I GOTTA BE LIKE JOHN LYNCH.

AND I WAS.

"MANEUVER GAMMA SIX."

"GAMMA SIX."

"GAMMA SIX."

A HAND GESTURE...

...AND INDIVIDUALS BECOME **ONE.** A MACHINE. WORKING TO **ONE** END. PROTECTING THE RUNNER. **GUARDING** HIM. **GETTING** THE RUNNER **THROUGH.**

RAZOR TRAINING. SOMETHING JOHN LYNCH WOULD **NEVER** THINK TO DO.

"GAMMA SIX."

THNK

"SIX."

FOR HE MAY HAVE **LED** THEM -- TOLD THEM **WHERE** TO FIGHT AND **WHO.**

BUT HE WASN'T **ONE** OF THEM.

"G 6."

BAM

"MANELIVER."

NOT LIKE **BENITO SANTINI.**

"GAMMA SIX."

"MANELIVER G SIX."

THNK

MARLOWE. THERE --

-- NO CHOICE, AFTER ALL.

FATE DECIDES. HAVE TO --

ROSE?

TWAK

FATE DECIDES.

NOT THE DWARF.

NO...

...I'VE GOT A KILLER TO TAKE.

GRIFTER...

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

...GET DOWN!

AN HOUR LATER...

MY SHIP BEAT THEIR SHIP. MY TEAM BEAT THEIR TEAM. AND SO IT ENDS.

THE EMIR'S GONE HOME FOR AN ASPIRIN. MR. WHITE'S DAEMONITE CARCASS HAS GONE TO OUR LABS FOR DISSECTION.

NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT...

...IS ME AND JACOB MARLOWE.

SO THE REASON FOR THE *FIRST* ATTACK *WAS* --?

VOODOO WOULD HAVE DETECTED THE IMPOSTOR. SHE WAS THE ***REAL*** TARGET ***THEN.*** WE JUST ***ASSUMED*** IT WAS ***YOU*** BECAUSE OF THE ***OTHER*** CORPORATE HEADS GETTING POPPED.

WE GOT SOME INFORMATION FROM THE CAPTURED CABAL TEAM THIS TIME... THEY SAY THAT WHITE WAS ***KIN*** TO ***ANOTHER*** DAEMONITE.

HAD THE ***SAME*** ROGUE POWER. BEING ABLE NOT TO JUST ***POSSESS*** SOMEBODY, BUT TO COMPLETELY ***TRANSFORM*** INSTEAD.

HIGHTOWER?

YEAH, WHITE WAS HIS BROTHER, OR SON, OR SOME SUCH.

I GUESS I ***OWE*** YOU. FOR ***EVERY-THING*** YOU --

DON'T EVEN BEGIN TO THANK ME, MARLOWE. WHAT ***I*** DID, WHAT MY ***RAZORS*** DID, WAS BECAUSE MY GOVERNMENT DEEMED IT ***NECESSARY.***

BUT ***YOU*** COST ME MY ***LEG.*** DIDN'T EVEN BLINK, ***DID YOU?*** WHEN YOU ***SHOT*** MY KNEE TO ***PIECES?***

I HATE YOU, ***BIG*** TIME... ***LITTLE*** MAN.

AND IF I ***EVER*** GET THE CHANCE TO BRING YOU ***DOWN,*** YOU LITTLE $#!%... I ***WILL.***

UNDER-STOOD.

HEY, BUT IF ***WHITE*** WAS IMPERSONATING ***MAUL...***

... WHERE THE HELL IS THE REAL ONE?

THAT...

...IS NOT MY PROBLEM.

THANKS - T.C. '94

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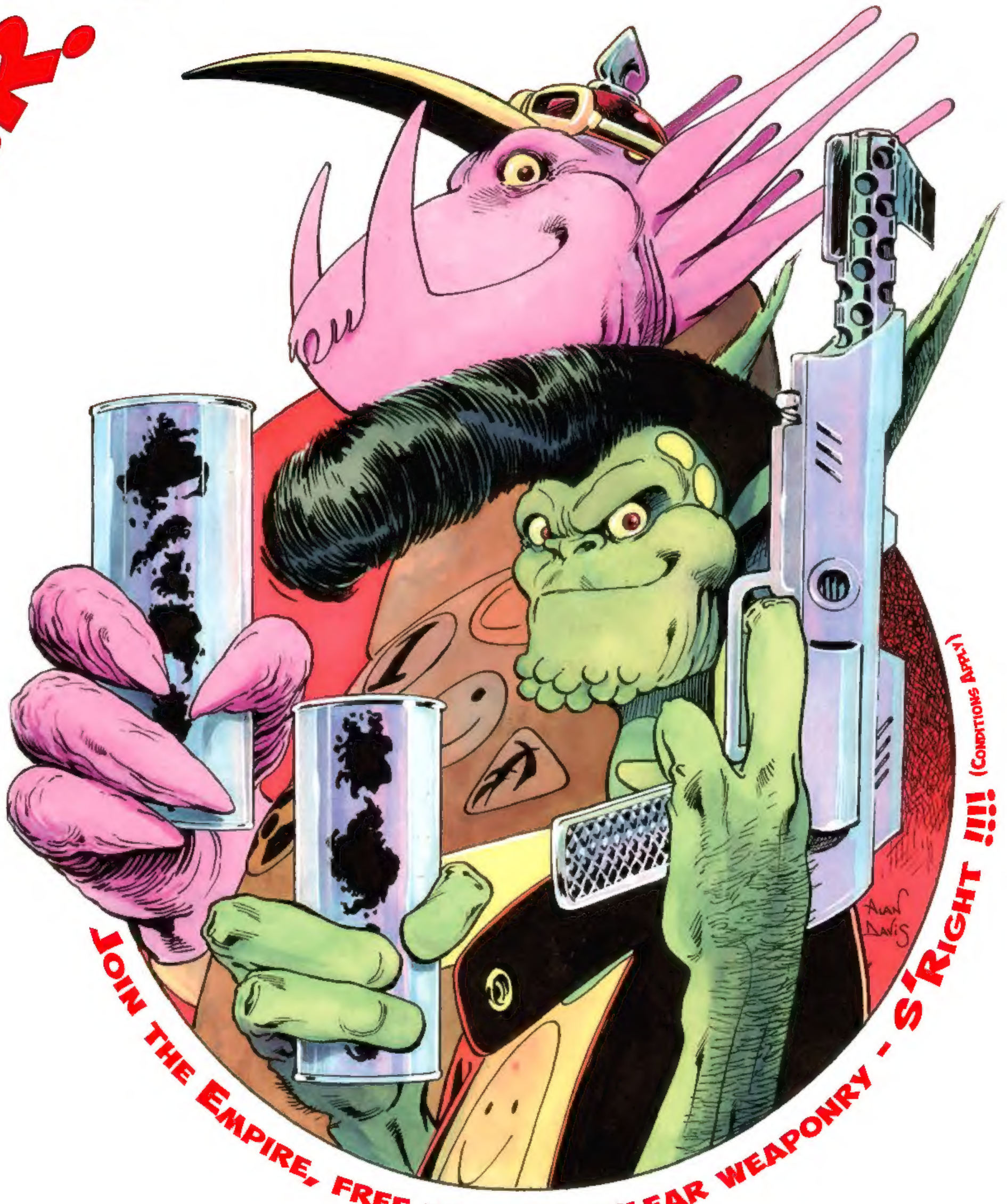

JOIN THE EMPIRE, FREE THERMONUCLEAR WEAPONRY - S'RIGHT !!!! (CONDITIONS APPLY)

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